



FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 7, 1906.

Investigation of the entire Harri-man system of railroads, their common control, management and alleged violations by them of interstate and anti-trust laws was yesterday ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Behind this announcement there is promise of an inquiry certain to be rich in sensational revelations of questionable collusion between railroad magnates and public men, and of litigation, the importance of which is not exceeded even by the proceedings begun against the Standard Oil trust. The entire financial and traffic concerns of this, the greatest system in the world, with 23,000 miles of road and more than \$2,000,000,000 of investments, will be subjected to the most searching scrutiny. The Sherman anti-trust law, the Interstate Commerce act and perhaps the general conspiracy statutes are expected to point the direction prosecution will take. If substantial legal ground can be found—and it is strongly believed it will be—a determined effort will be made in the courts to dissolve the great merger exactly as the Northern Securities was dissolved.

Mr. McCall of Massachusetts, leader of the New England republican sentiment in the House in favor of tariff revision, has a proposition to make that will worry the standstillers. "If they'll give Massachusetts free hides, Massachusetts will be willing to have free trade in shoes," is the way he put it. That is more than the Massachusetts shoe manufacturers have ever been willing to do before. It is a concession that answers the utmost standstillers have ever been able to urge against free hides. It has been popular among standstillers to say: "These Massachusetts people want free raw materials for their factories, but they insist on protection for their products." Mr. McCall says they are going to put that argument out of circulation, so far as shoes and hides are concerned at least, but then of course they will advance another.

At the session in Washington yesterday of the National Rivers and Harbors Association it was declared in positive terms that every effort should be made to induce Congress to appropriate fifty millions of dollars for the rivers and harbors of the country. Mr. Burton, chairman of the House rivers and harbors committee, in a speech said: "We have been spending \$20,000,000 on rivers and harbors as against \$100,000,000 on our navy. I believe that should be changed, for I think it is of more importance that lighthouses be constructed and river and harbor improvements made than that more battleships and bristling bayonets should be provided." Mr. Burton's ideas are those entertained by a large majority of the conservative citizens of the country, and were they adopted by Congress the material interests of the country would be greatly enhanced.

A NEW TREATY with Japan to provide for the exclusion of Japanese workmen from the United States and the exclusion of American workmen from Japan, is now understood to be the principal feature of the President's plan for settling the Japanese muddle to the satisfaction of all concerned. But the restless Americans will never quietly submit to being excluded from any country.

IN THE battleship whose keel was laid this week Great Britain intends to surpass the Dreadnought in size and power. Such an achievement ought to be possible, of course, but there is not much chance to make a new record for quickness of construction.

ACCORDING to New York's superintendent of schools it has been demonstrated that surgery can make a bad boy good. This would keep the surgeons of this country busy the rest of their lives should they engage in that undertaking.

THE MORNING NEWS ITEM, the new daily just commenced in Winchester, is a very excellent paper, and reflects credit upon the manager, Mr. H. P. Byrd.

From Washington.

Washington, Dec. 7.—President Roosevelt's simplified spelling order was given a hard knock by the House committee on appropriations, which, in the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill reported today, decreed that: "Hereafter in printing documents authorized by law or ordered by Congress or either branch thereof the government printing office shall follow the rules of orthography established by Webster's or other generally accepted dictionaries of the English language." The bill carries an increase of \$31,215,525, an increase of a million over the appropriation for the current year which was \$30,168,455. The number of salaries provided for is 14,727, an increase of 29 over the current year. The salaries of clerks is \$1,400 per annum and the members are not required to certify that they have spent this amount for clerical assistance. Public Printer Sullivan is given an in-

crease from \$1,500 to \$6,000 and the secretary to the Speaker an increase from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

The National Rivers and Harbors Congress convention this morning adopted a resolution calling upon Congress for an annual expenditure of \$50,000,000 for the improvement of rivers and waters of the United States. At 2 o'clock this afternoon the 1200 delegates were received by the President. This morning's program included addresses by: M. T. Bryan, Nashville, Tenn.; Richard H. Edwards, Baltimore, Md.; Rev. John McCarty, Huntington, W. Va.; Frank D. Lamm, Philadelphia, Pa.; William R. Sullivan, Savannah, Ga. Former Governor David R. Francis was appointed chairman of a committee of eighteen which will present the resolution adopted this morning to President Roosevelt, the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Assistant Secretary of State Robert Bacon visited the White House this morning and after a conference with the President announced that no treaty with Japan or any modification of a treaty is either now being negotiated or in contemplation. "The President wishes me to announce this just as strongly as possible," said Mr. Bacon. "He also wishes me to say that the status of the Japanese Ambassador to the White House and the State Department were not made for the purpose of discussing a possible change in the present treaty."

Initiating the action of many of the railroads and manufacturing corporations, Representative Southwick (rep., New York) today introduced in the House a bill to give all government employees excepting the President and members of Congress, a ten per cent increase in their salaries.

A bunch of railroad attorneys today swooped down on the House committee on Interstate and foreign commerce, having learned that the Sherman bill requiring all railroads to issue mileage books at the uniform rate of two cents a mile was to be considered. The committee decided to begin hearings on January 8, and the lawyers, evidently placed over the month's delay, retired.

Mark Twain, clad in a summer suit of white, was the attraction in the House today when that body met. He came to Washington to attend the hearings of the Senate and House committees that are considering the copyright bill. Explaining his reason for wearing a white flannel suit at this season of the year, he said that it was because he was the president, secretary and treasurer and only member of the "ancient and honorable society of purity of purpose."

Besides he believed in men dressing in bright and cheerful colors. He felt very sad over the fact that the ladies had the monopoly on fancy clothes and especially peek-a-boo waists. Senator Bailey, in Austin, Tex., last night made public his answer to the charges contained in a letter of Attorney General Davidson, that he had received money from the Water-Pierce Oil Company, which transactions were of record upon the books of the oil company. He defends his acts but admits getting money from H. Clay Pierce on loans but not for his services. He explains in detail his relations with the concern seeking to regain footing in the State. He denies charges brought by Attorney General Davidson and his friends expect him to win.

Consul General Rogers reported to the State Department today that millions of Chinese in the central part of the empire are "on the verge of starvation." He states that a relief committee composed of foreign consul generals, Chinese officials and business men has been organized.

Probably the largest bids ever submitted for work to be done for the government will be recorded Wednesday in the offices of the Canal Commission here when the offers of contractors for the construction of the canal are opened. The charge was made today before the joint committee on the library that a conspiracy exists to form a monopoly for the control of the reproduction of songs and other music by mechanical devices.

Fifty-ninth Congress.

Washington, Dec. 7. SENATE.

The Senate was not in session today, having adjourned Thursday till Monday.

HOUSE.

The House began consideration of the bill to convert half of the Olympic forest reserve in Washington into a game preserve, Representative Cushman, republican, of Washington, opening the debate.

Democratic opposition in the House today temporarily sidetracked the bill conferring citizenship upon the people of Porto Rico. This measure was blocked by Mr. Champ Clark who refused unanimous consent for its consideration today or for the adoption of an order providing for the bill's consideration on Monday.

The House this afternoon passed the bill to convert about one half of the Olympic forest reserve of Washington into a preserve for game.

The Seaboard Air Line.

Holders of the stock and voting-trust certificates of the Seaboard Air Line Railway received official notification yesterday of the plan of the company to issue \$18,000,000 of 5 per cent bonds. The bonds are to be secured by a mortgage or deed of trust, and collateral trust agreement, covering the property of the company and such securities as the directors may deem advisable, and are to be due on February 1, 1927. It is proposed to use the bonds in paying off the three-year \$50,000,000 notes and taking up the notes of the company, as well as to provide for future development of the property. A meeting of the stock and voting-trust certificate holders has been called for January 10, 1907, to vote on the plan. It is proposed to issue early next year \$7,000,000 of the bonds, and the holders of the stock and voting-trust certificates of the Seaboard Air Line are to have the right of subscribing to the new issue at 90 and interest to the extent of 12 per cent of their holdings.

Disbanded by Gate.

Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 7.—Captain Holmes, of Eastport, Me., and the six men of the three-masted schooner A. P. Emerson, were brought here today by the British steamer Annette from Tripoli. The Emerson, which was bound from South Amboy, N. J., with a load of coal for Exeter, Md., encountered a gale off Cape Sable Sunday which dismasted her. She was on the point of foundering when the crew were taken off by the Nova Scotia fishing schooner Oregon, from which they were later transferred to the Annette.

News of the Day.

Orthodox Jews in New York are opposing Christmas exercises in the public schools.

The trial of Harry K. Thaw has been placed at the bottom of the court calendar and cannot come up before May.

The report of the Paymaster General of the Navy shows that it cost \$19,694,743 to keep the warships in commission during the past year.

Governor Pardee, of California, and Governor Mead have come out in opposition to President Roosevelt's declaration on the Japanese question.

Two mine workers were killed and seven injured by an explosion of gas in the Butterworth colliery of the Parrish Coal Company, near Wilkesbarre, Pa., yesterday afternoon.

The national trotting board at New York have expelled Spears and E. J. Sanders for their share in the Lou Dillon charges. Thomas's application for reinstatement was refused.

The government yesterday resumed the purchase of silver, accepting bids for 200,000 ounces at 63.669 cents per fine ounce. This is more than 31 cents an ounce lower than the offerings which were made at the time purchases were suspended, nearly four weeks ago.

On five charges of extortion found against each of them by the grand jury, Mayor Eugene L. Schmitz and Abraham Ruef were arraigned in San Francisco yesterday in the Superior Court. At the request of the defense the case was continued until Monday for the purpose of giving the accused their time in which to plead.

In a letter received at Wheeling, W. Va., Dr. Edwin Maxey, professor of law in the University of Nebraska, at Lincoln, states he has been retained by the Japanese of San Francisco to fight the case against the school board of San Francisco. Dr. Maxey, who is a former professor of law at the West Virginia University, is the author of a text-book on international labor, and is a writer of national repute.

Mrs. George Devore, of Mountville, near Wheeling, W. Va., supposed to be dead, and whose body had been placed in a coffin, startled her friends by sitting up in the coffin, and asking what was the matter. Mrs. Devore had been ill for several weeks with typhoid fever, and several days ago, at last appearances, died. All arrangements for the funeral had been made. Physicians say the woman was in a trance.

The board of pardons in Atlanta, Ga., yesterday commuted the death sentence of Jesse and Milton Rawlings, who were sentenced to be hanged today at Valdosta, to life imprisonment. The boys' father, Rev. J. G. Rawlings, and Al Moore, a negro, were hanged on Tuesday. The four men, together with another brother, Leonard, were convicted of a plot to murder the entire family of Rev. W. L. Carter, a negro.

Mrs. Leslie Carter-Payne again is on the outs with her former chum, Miss Norma Munro, the daughter and heiress of the late publisher, Norman Munro. Declaring her belief that Miss Munro has gone to Paris "with intent to defraud her creditors or to avoid the service of a summons," the actress yesterday afternoon secured from Judge O'Grady, in the Supreme Court of New York, an attachment for any property belonging to Miss Munro. The actress says Miss Munro owes her \$41,799, with interest from October 10 last, for money loaned.

Fire on the farm of Dr. Francis Thomas, near Ednor, Montgomery county, Md., early Wednesday morning destroyed the handsome dwelling, two fine barns, a corn house, two carriage houses, and various other outbuildings, as were 2,000 bushels of potatoes, 900 bushels of wheat, 250 barrels of corn, 75 tons of ensilage, 75 tons of hay, a large quantity of straw, 5 farm wagons, 2 drills, several binders, mowers, rakes and numerous other farming implements. Fifty-eight head of stock, including 13 fine horses, 31 cows and 14 heifers and calves, perished in the flames. The furniture was saved. The total loss is \$25,000.

Important Decisions.

The Court of Appeals yesterday in the case of the Winchester and Strasburg Railroad, decided that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, as lessee of the Winchester and Strasburg branch, must operate their trains into Strasburg. The reason assigned by the court for reversing the decision of the Corporate Commission, which also concluded that trains should be operated into Strasburg, was that the Southern Railway Company, which is directly involved in the situation, should have been made a party to the suit, but was not. The opinion handed down particularly states that no error is to be found as far as the decision of the commission ordering trains run into Strasburg is concerned, the error being due to the one fact alone that the interests of the Southern Railway were excluded from the commission's consideration.

The Court of Appeals yesterday upheld the validity of the constitutional provision and laws subsequently passed by the legislature creating the State Corporation Commission of Virginia. The railroad companies questioned the validity of the laws from which it derived its existence, and this is one of the points raised in the proceedings now pending before the commission, having in view the adoption in Virginia of a classification and rates on freight formulated by the commission.

As stated in yesterday's Gazette the court also handed down its opinion in the Richmond annexation case. County of Henrico versus the City of Richmond—sustaining the judgment entered by Judge Nicol, in the Henrico Circuit Court, in all respects, only modifying the order so as to provide for the annexation to become effective on the date of the entry of the final order of the Supreme Court, instead of February 17, 1906, as fixed by the Circuit Court. Judge Buchanan, dissenting from the opinion, Judge Harrison, who delivered the opinion, takes the ground that the legislature, being unable to say what amount should be annexed, as each case must be decided on its merits, was clearly within its constitutional rights in selecting the courts to carry out the law and pass judgment on the facts in each case. The Richmond case is of wide interest, as it is the first under the new law, and a number of cities and towns in the State, which have annexation schemes on hand will feel free to act.

Open the bowels—DeWitt's Little Early Risers are recommended and sold by W. F. Creighton & Co., 401 King street.

Virginia News.

Alonzo Goodman, a negro convict, implicated in the murder of a guard of the South Carolina penitentiary, was captured in Richmond yesterday, and will be returned to South Carolina on requisition papers.

It was definitely announced by Governor Swanson yesterday that the presentation of the silver service, the gift of the State to the battleship Virginia, will take place at the Norfolk navy yard December 15th, and not at Newport News.

A monument to Rev. John Weatherford was unveiled at Shocco Church, Chatham, yesterday. The address was by Rev. William Hedley, of Danville. Weatherford died in 1833. He was in the Chesterfield county jail five months for preaching Baptist doctrine.

Mrs. Addie Johnson, of Elizabeth City, was burned to death Wednesday at her home, near Fox Hill. She was watching a number of men butchering hogs, near her home, and stepped too close to a fire. Her clothing became ignited, and she was fatally burned.

Nat Crews, a five-year negro convict, broke the lock of his cell in Halifax jail, at Houston, Wednesday night, released George McGraw, recently sentenced to 18 years for murder, and then released three others. The five prisoners made good their escape and have not been recaptured.

Judge R. Carter Scott in Richmond yesterday appointed E. R. Catlin receiver for the Prudential Fire Insurance Company of West Virginia, and the Atlantic-Birmingham Fire Insurance Company. The receivership was forced by the heavy losses of these companies in San Francisco and is asked by the Virginia policyholders.

Wes Wilkin, colored, charged with the murder of Odis Bled, colored, at a railroad camp a few weeks ago, was convicted in the Circuit Court at Gate City yesterday, and sentenced to be hanged February 21. St. Charles Farrell, charged with criminal assault, made a confession and was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

Positively identified as her assailant by Annie Raby Bryant, the nine-year-old daughter of James Bryant, of Berkeley, former policeman W. H. Daniel faced the charge of criminal assault in the Police Court at Norfolk yesterday. The preliminary hearing of the case was continued until Tuesday. The child concealed the crime as long as her sufferings would permit, and Daniel went to Farboro, N. C., where he was arrested yesterday and brought to Norfolk.

A special term of the Circuit Court of Loudoun county was held at Leesburg yesterday to consider the application of the town council of Leesburg for an extension of the corporate limits. The ordinance of the town setting forth the outlying sections, and would increase the population of the town by several hundred people, and the tax values by \$75,000. Considerable opposition was made to the proposed extension, and the decision of the court was withheld.

"Witnesses at Gate City Wednesday before the coroner's jury investigating the death of Dr. Isaac C. Anderson, testified that in his dying statement Anderson declared that his brother-in-law, James Nels, killed him by cutting an artery. According to the testimony Dr. Anderson said he was held by his wife and his mother-in-law while Nels did the shooting. Nels is under arrest, awaiting the verdict of the jury. Anderson was found dying Tuesday in his drug store, and his relatives stated that he had committed suicide.

CONGRESSIONAL.

The House, after an all-day debate yesterday defeated by a vote of 161 to 110 the Littlefield bill to repeal the present compulsory pilotage law.

Mr. Perkins, of New York, yesterday introduced a bill providing for an inheritance tax along the line suggested by the President in his recent message to Congress.

Mr. Shams of Tennessee introduced the bill, to make the smoke law of the District apply to railway locomotives. Under the bill the provisions of this law are to take effect January 1, 1908.

Mr. Grosvenor presented a compromise providing for ship subsidies for South American and Philippine Islands lines only.

The Senate adopted the Penrose resolution requesting the President to send information regarding the discharge of the negro troops of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, and also the Foraker resolution directing the Secretary of War to transmit all information in the possession of his department on the same subject. Both resolutions carried an identical amendment by Mr. Culberson, asking specifically for the order to Major Penrose, commanding the troops, which directed him not to turn over to the Texas authorities certain of the troops demanded. This action followed a debate of two hours and was taken without a roll call or opposing vote.

Senator Morgan spoke for two hours on his resolution to secure control of the Panama Railroad by the Isthmian Canal Commission.

The Senate in executive session confirmed a large number of appointments to consular, postoffice, and other positions. Among the important nominations confirmed was that of Herbert G. Spaulding, of New York, to be minister to Panama.

Anti-Saloon League.

The sixth annual convention of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia adjourned at Charlottesville last night to meet next year at the Jamestown Exposition. Officers were elected as follows: President, Dr. J. W. Mitchell, Richmond; vice presidents, Chancellor William W. Smith, Lynchburg; Prof. S. C. Mitchell, Richmond; Judge William H. Mann, Nottoway; Capt. J. E. Bellows, Orran; Rev. J. B. Ellis, Eklen; Dr. W. C. Campbell, Roanoke; Rev. E. L. Folk, Richmond; secretary, S. P. Jones, Richmond; treasurer, S. P. Jones, Richmond.

The feature of the afternoon's session was the address of the superintendent of the league, Dr. Richard H. Bennett, of Randolph-Macon College, on "Needed Legislation." Allusion was made to the attitude of the speaker of the Virginia house of delegates toward the anti-club bill which failed of passage in the closing hours of the session. League workers were advised to remember the speaker's conduct and to make their opposition to him felt in the next election.

The Market.

Georgetown, Dec. 7.—Wheat 62 1/2.

Today's Telegraphic News.

Fire and Loss of Life.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Six men are dead, two fatally injured, and a number seriously injured as a result of a fire which started at 3:30 this morning, and entirely destroyed the Chi Psi fraternity house of Cornell University.

The fire started in the kitchen range and quickly spread through the big fraternity house, which was formerly the Fisk-McGraw mansion, and was valued at \$200,000. Volunteer firemen responded to the call, but so rapidly had the flames spread, that it was with difficulty that any of the students were rescued. Three firemen and three students were killed by collapsing walls.

Twenty-seven students were sleeping in the fraternity house when the flames were discovered, some of whom were seriously injured by running the gauntlet of fire in order to escape from the burning building.

Dora Gilman's Slayer Confesses.

Dayton, O., Dec. 7.—The slayer of Dora Gilman has been brought to justice by a member of the staff of the Cincinnati Post, who continued at work after the authorities had virtually admitted defeat. David Curtis, aged 27, a clerk, was arrested last night on information furnished by the Post man and he confessed. He said that he rode on the same car with Dora Gilman on the night that she was slain and left the car at the same corner. He took one side of the street while the girl walked on the other and when they had passed a house where a woman and a child stood in the doorway, he crossed over, took the girl's umbrella away from her and choked her to death. He says that she never uttered a cry. After he had killed her, he carried the body over on the common, he said, Curtis has been at work in Dayton all the time since the murder.

Towel Taken from Abdomen.

New York, Dec. 7.—Miss Lulu Summers, sister of United States District Attorney Summers, is today recovering from an operation in which a towel was taken from her abdomen. Five weeks ago Miss Summers was operated upon for appendicitis. It was apparently successful, but Miss Summers has insisted ever since that there was something in the cavity. A second operation was performed and the towel which had been forgotten during the first operation was found.

Fire in Cement Works.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 7.—The buildings and machinery of the International Portland Cement Company, near Elizabeth, were damaged by fire today to the extent of \$200,000. Two large buildings were destroyed and the largest stock building was damaged. The cause of the fire is unknown. One hundred men were employed. The stockholders of the company reside in Philadelphia and Pittsburg.

Fleishish Treatment of a Polestar.

Norristown, Pa., Dec. 7.—A fleishish torture was practiced upon an ignorant Polestar named Wladyslaw Marzok today when he was held helpless before a white hot gas blower at the Allegheny Iron and Steel works by members of a secret society which Marzok had refused to join. Unable to protect himself, the flames burned his flesh until blood came.

Styvesant Fish Will Aid the President.

New York, Dec. 7.—Styvesant Fish exploded a bomb in Wall street which is the talk of financiers and trust magnates today. The lately deceased President of the Illinois Central in a speech last night at a dinner made a severe attack on corporations and what he termed the "anarchistic rich."

Statements are made in the financial district today that Fish will aid President Roosevelt in his future investigations into trusts and railroads. Mr. Fish declared in his speech that dishonesty was the issue and President Roosevelt was the man to control it. Mr. Fish said: "That there has been maladministration, not to say stealing, in many of our great corporations is a matter of common notoriety in some cases of positive proof."

Race for a Bride.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 7.—Because he reached her first in a race with a jealous rival to claim Bessie Saunders, of this city, as his bride, J. P. Laughlin, of Durham, is the happy man and Clarence P. Linn of Augusta, Ga., has returned to his home disgusted. Miss Saunders did not know which of the two men she loved most, so she accepted both and wrote to them to come for her. Stopping only to get marriage licenses, the rivals started for Greensboro. Laughlin won the race. Linn arrived half an hour after the ceremony had been performed.

Killed by Derailment of Train.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 7.—Four persons are dead and twenty-five injured in a derailment of the Detroit express on the Michigan Central Railroad at Otter Lake, last night. A wrecking train left here early today for the scene of disaster. Communication with Otter Lake is badly interrupted and details of the wreck are unobtainable. The train left Bay City for Detroit at 5:20 o'clock and nearing Otter Lake, it left the track and overturned into a ditch. Officers of the road will give no information concerning the wreck.

Incendiary Fires in New York.

New York, Dec. 7.—Eight incendiary fires, endangering the lives of hundreds of people, were started in the neighborhood of Columbus Avenue and One Hundred and Third street early today. The entire district was panic stricken. The fire fiends worked unobserved and a dragnet of police reserves failed to capture them. Five alarms were sounded within two hours and Acting Chief Binns summoned aid from various parts of the city. The fires were started in fashionable apartment houses.

Killed in Collision.

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 7.—Four persons lost their lives and several others were injured in a collision between two freight trains last midnight near Annabessacook on the Maine Central Railroad. The two trains met head on. The wreck was caused by a misunderstanding of orders. Wires were down and it was with difficulty that word of the disaster was brought to the city. All of the injured were trainmen.

Explosion in Powder Works.

Uaiontown, Pa., Dec. 7.—An explosion, distinctly felt two miles away, occurred at one of the magazines of the Central Powder Company today, causing the death of two men. A large force of men was at work at the plant. The debris quickly took fire, but the flames were soon extinguished.

Deadly Serpent Bites.

are as common in India as are the stomach and liver disorders with us. For the latter however there is a sure remedy: Electric Bitters; a great restorative medicine, of which S. A. Brown, of Bennettville, S. C., says: "They restored my wife to perfect health, after years of suffering with dyspepsia and a chronic typhoid fever." Electric Bitters cures chills and fever, malaria, biliousness, lame back, kidney troubles and bladder disorders. Sold on guarantee by F. S. Leitch & Sons, druggists. Price 50c.

Searching for Negro Murderer.

Milford, O., Dec. 7.—Three hundred armed men, assisted by two packs of bloodhounds, are pursuing Henry White, the negro who murdered Marshal Bashore at Franklin, O., and subsequently escaped from jail at Lebanon, O. The posse is preparing to surround the woods and make an effort to drive him out. The negro is known to be armed and a fight is feared. The negro was seen in Loveland last night. He went to Hill station, where he stole a horse and rode to a place where he is thought to be hiding.

Death from Elevator Ride.

Pateroson, N. J., Dec. 7.—Among the death agencies of New York must now be listed the swift express elevator of the modern skyscraper. That a ride in such an elevator may result in a fatal shock has been proved through the death of Mrs. Gertrude Hennion of Butler, N. J. Last week Mrs. Hennion went to New York on a shopping trip. She visited an office building. On descending from an upper floor the car dropped so rapidly that she collapsed under the nervous strain. She was ill when she got home and a doctor diagnosed her case as lock-jaw induced by the shock. Her death occurred last night.

Admitted He Had the Checks.

New York, Dec. 7.—Burham, jr., Vice President of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company charged with the larceny of \$7,000 from the company, admitted on the stand today that he had in his possession checks showing payments made to certain individuals who had endorsed them over to Lou Payne, former superintendent of Insurance. Justice Greenbaum held that the questions of alleged payment by President Burham of \$40,000 for the purposes of making his own report to former Superintendent Payne were admissible.

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Destructive Fire.

Holyoke, Mass., Dec. 7.—A fire which started at 6:30 this morning in the store of Fay and Shunway was still raging at 11 o'clock and the damage is now estimated at \$300,000. Five society rooms besides several offices and stores are wrecked. All the apparatus in Holyoke and an engine from Springfield are at work.

Burglar Captured by Woman.

New York, Dec. 7.—The next time Chas. Mason, a convict, and story man, resume his midnight activities he won't try to burgle the home of a trained nurse. Miss Mary Waughan, a nurse in St. Vincent's Hospital, Brooklyn, was sleeping peacefully in the nurses' home early today, when she heard a rat and crawled down under the covers. Miss Waughan is a woman of proportions that would excite the envy of a heavy-weight fighter. There was a subtle but brutal struggle between the nurse and the burglar. She peeped out from the covers and saw the form of a man bending over her bureau. Mason told the police that the first thing he knew some one had him doubled up on the floor, and when he tried to use a knife the weapon was taken away from him. Miss Waughan dragged the scared Mason to the door and found it had become caught on the outside. She wheeled Mason on the head to keep him from becoming restive and then cried for help. When the police came Miss Waughan told them that she had saved his life. He was held in one thousand dollars bail by Magistrate Tighs.

Believed to be Anarchist.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—Arthur Manning Wiatt and his wife, of New York, who gave their address as 17 Battery Place, have been placed under police supervision on suspicion that they are anarchists with designs on the life of Emperor William. Wiatt engaged a suite of rooms at the Park Hotel overlooking the grounds of the automobile exposition, which has been announced the Kaiser will open. Believing that the couple contemplated an attempt on the emperor's life, the police made a search of their rooms.

Death of Dr. Lapponi.

Rome, Dec. 7.—Doctor Lapponi, the physician to the Pope, died this morning. He had been ill for some time. Dr. Lapponi's death was a great loss to the papal household. With his dying breath he predicted that the pontiff, despite his heart trouble and gout, will remain strong and well for years and that he will attain to even greater age than his predecessor, Leo XIII.

Battle Imminent.

Tanger, Morocco, Dec. 7.—A battle between the troops of the Sultan and the French, is imminent. The loyal troops have already crossed the Malaya river and are steadily advancing. It is expected the insurgents will take the initiative and a fight may occur at any time.

New York Stock Market.

New York, Dec. 7.—The stock market today was strong even with the highest rates for call